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DAVID J. SQUIRELL *ET AL.*

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**For: CELL ASSAY, METHODS
AND REAGENTS**

SECOND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1430

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, a response which is due December 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and appended remarks. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1430 on **November 24, 2003.**

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